

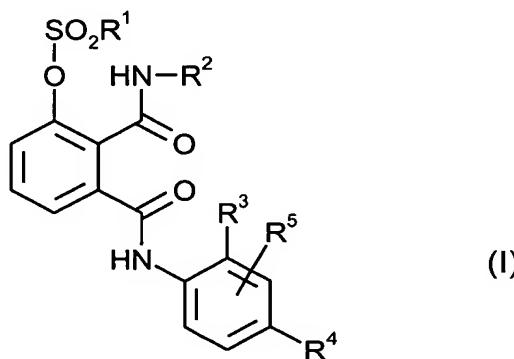
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please change the heading at page 60, line 1, from "Patent Claims" to
--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS--

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

-- Claim 11 (new): A phthalamide derivative of formula (I)



wherein

- R¹ represents alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted,
- R² represents alkyl that is optionally substituted or cycloalkyl that is optionally substituted,
- R³ represents hydrogen, halogen, or alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted,
- R⁴ represents hydrogen, halogen-substituted alkyl, halogen-substituted alkoxy, halogen-substituted phenyl, or halogen-substituted phenoxy, and
- R⁵ represents hydrogen, halogen, or alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted.

Claim 12 (new): A compound according to Claim 11 wherein

- R¹ represents C₁₋₆ alkyl that is optionally fluoro-substituted, chloro-substituted, or bromo-substituted,
- R² represents C₁₋₆ alkyl that is optionally fluoro-substituted, chloro-substituted, bromo-substituted, C₁₋₄ alkoxy-substituted, C₁₋₄ alkylthio-substituted, C₁₋₄ alkylsulfinyl-substituted, or C₁₋₄ alkylsulfonyl-substituted; or represents C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted or C₁₋₄ alkyl-substituted,

R^3 represents hydrogen or halogen; or represents C_{1-6} alkyl that is optionally fluoro-substituted, chloro-substituted, or bromo-substituted,

R^4 represents hydrogen, halogen-substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, halogen-substituted C_{1-6} alkoxy, halogen-substituted phenyl, or halogen-substituted phenoxy, and

R^5 represents hydrogen or halogen; or represents C_{1-6} alkyl that is optionally fluoro-substituted, chloro-substituted, or bromo-substituted.

Claim 13 (new): A compound according to Claim 11 wherein

R^1 represents methyl, ethyl, propyl, or trifluoromethyl,

R^2 represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, sec-pentyl, tert-pentyl, n-hexyl, isohexyl, sec-hexyl, methylthiomethyl, ethylthiomethyl, methylthioethyl, ethylthioethyl, methylthiopropyl, ethylthiopropyl, methylthiobutyl, ethylthiobutyl, methylthiopentyl, ethylthiopentyl, methylsulfinylmethyl, ethylsulfinylmethyl, methylsulfinylethyl, ethylsulfinylethyl, methylsulfinylpropyl, ethylsulfinylpropyl, methylsulfinylbutyl, ethylsulfinylbutyl, methylsulfinylpentyl, ethylsulfinylpentyl, methylsulfonylmethyl, methylsulfonylethyl, ethylsulfonylethyl, methylsulfonylpropyl, ethylsulfonylpropyl, methylsulfonylbutyl, ethylsulfonylbutyl, methylsulfonylpentyl, or ethylsulfonylpentyl; or represents cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl, each of which is optionally substituted with fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, or ethyl,

R^3 represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, ethyl, or trifluoromethyl,

R^4 represents fluoro, chloro, or bromo; or represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n-propano, or isopropoxy, each of which is optionally substituted with one or more fluoro, perfluoro-substituted, or substituted with one or more fluoro and 1 or 2 chloro, and

R^5 represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or bromo; or represents methyl or ethyl, each of which is optionally fluoro-substituted or chloro-substituted.

Claim 14 (new): A compound according to Claim 11 wherein

R^1 represents methyl or ethyl,

R^2 represents isopropyl, tert-butyl, 1-methyl-2-(methylthio)ethyl, 1,1-dimethyl-2-(methylthio)ethyl, 1-methyl-2-(methylsulfinyl)ethyl, 1,1-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfinyl)ethyl, 1-methyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl, or 1,1-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl,

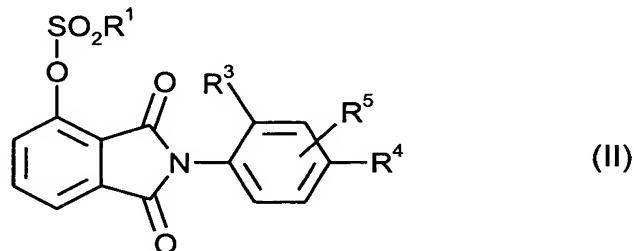
R^3 represents methyl,

R^4 represents perfluoroisopropyl, and

R^5 represents hydrogen.

Claim 15 (new): A process for the preparation of a compounds of formula (I) according to Claim 11 comprising

(a) reacting a compound of formula (II)



wherein R^1 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 have the same definitions as for formula (I) of Claim 11,

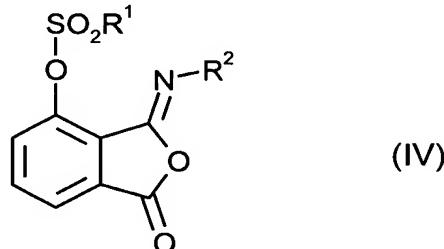
with a compound of formula (III)



wherein R^2 has the same definition as for formula (I) in Claim 11, in the presence of inert solvents and optionally in the presence of a base,

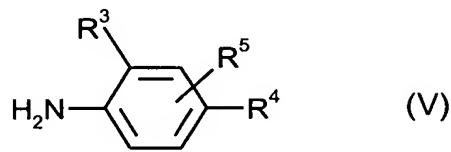
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(b) reacting a compound of formula (IV)



wherein R^1 and R^2 have the same definitions as for formula (I) in Claim 11,

with a compound of formula (V)

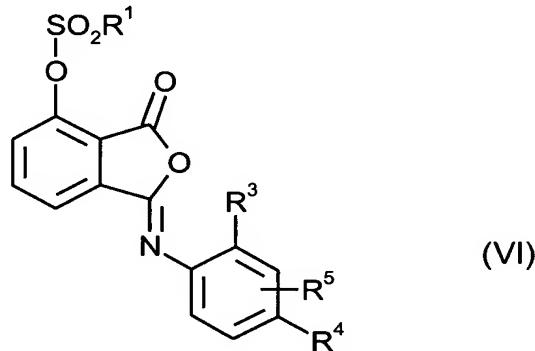


wherein R³, R⁴, and R⁵ have the same definitions as for formula (I) in Claim 11,

in the presence of inert solvents and optionally in the presence of an acid catalyst,

or

(c) reacting a compound of formula (VI)



wherein R¹, R³, R⁴, and R⁵ have the same definitions as for formula (I) in Claim 11,

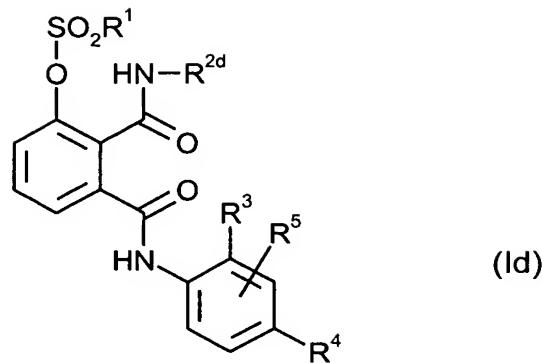
with a compound of formula (III),



wherein R² has the same definition as for formula (I) in Claim 11, in the presence of inert solvents and optionally in the presence of a acid catalyst,

or

(d) for compounds of formula (I) in which R² represents alkylsulfinylalkyl or alkylsulfonylalkyl, reacting a compound of formula (Id)



(Id)

wherein

R^{2d} represents alkylthioalkyl, and

R^1 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 have the same definitions as for formula (I) in Claim 11,

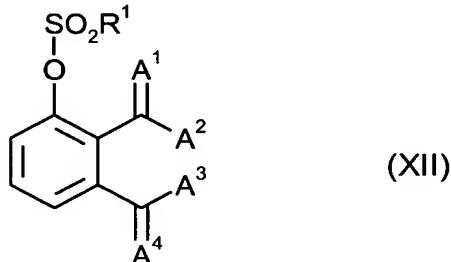
with an oxidizing agent in the presence of inert solvents.

Claim 16 (new): An insecticidal composition containing one or more phthalamide derivatives of formula (I) according to Claim 11.

Claim 17 (new): A process for combating insects comprising allowing an effective amount of one or more phthalamide derivatives of formula (I) according to Claim 11 to act on the insects and/or their habitat.

Claim 18 (new): A process for the preparation of insecticidal compositions comprising mixing one or more phthalamide derivatives of formula (I) according to Claim 11 with one or more extenders and/or surface active agents.

Claim 19 (new): A phthalic acid derivative of formula (XII)



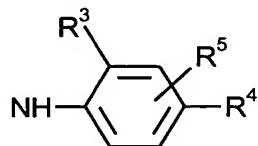
(XII)

wherein

R^1 represents alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted,

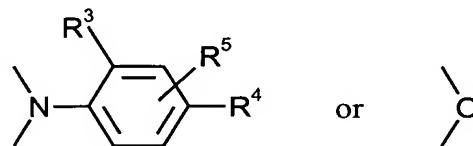
and

(a) A^1 and A^4 each represents oxygen,
 A^2 represents the group $NH-R^2$ and A^3 represents hydroxy,
or
 A^2 represents hydroxy and A^3 represents the group



or

A^2 , together with A^3 , represents one of the groups



or

(b) A^1 represents the group $NH-R^2$,
 A^2 , together with A^3 , represents the group



and

A^4 represents oxygen,

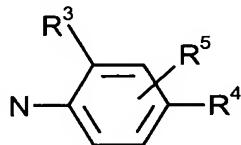
or

(c) A^1 represents oxygen,
 A^2 , together with A^3 , represents the group



and

A^4 represents the group



wherein

- R^2 represents alkyl that is optionally substituted or cycloalkyl that is optionally substituted,
- R^3 represents hydrogen, halogen, or alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted,
- R^4 represents hydrogen, halogen-substituted alkyl, halogen-substituted alkoxy, halogen-substituted phenyl, or halogen-substituted phenoxy, and
- R^5 represents hydrogen, halogen, or alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted.--